

Hudson Berkshire Division Annual Meeting
June 13, 2010, Kenyon Gym, Vassar College

Members present:

Chair: Jeffery Schimpf

Vice-chair: Beth Patterson

Secretary: John O'Mara

Others: Bruce Gillman, Kathy Hattala, Karen Gumport, Eric Soyka

1. Reports

- Chair: Nothing to report

- Vice-Chair: Nothing to report

- Secretary: Would like to get a more current list of HB members, and an updated email list (again) ; another way is to request email addresses is from HB tournaments participants. An up-to-date list can be used to send out notices at little cost.

- Treasurer – Paige sent a report of funds (read by Beth and Karen)

Reports accepted Motion: John, 2nd - Kathy

2. Old Business

- Competitions

- NYS Championship – August 7 & 8, 2010. Bruce will be hiring refs and an armorer since many events are scheduled. He also contacted Absolute Fencing who will provide scoring equipment and be selling fencing gear. We will use H-B medals as there are limited funds to buy medals. Not sure who will run concession, Beth was not sure Hope could make it – Jeff volunteered to bring a few things (bottled water, food etc).

- Division Qualifiers – Clarification (as in all previous years)

- For all individual qualifiers, each fencer must report to the qualifier in person and pay their entry fee to the Division in order to be sent in to the National office as a qualifier.
- For teams, each team must be registered in advance by the deadline posted on the HB Division website and www.askfred.net. Each team must then present itself at the qualifier, ready to fence and pay its their entry fee to the division in order to be sent in to the National office as a qualifier.

- Elite Athlete Funding

- Review of this past year is that only three clubs applied and received funds.
- While a good idea, the “elite” fund is draining the division funds
- Motion made to suspend the Elite Athlete fund, Motion made by Eric, 2nd by John.

- Division Equipment

Beaches , CDFS, Hudson Valley Fencing Center (J. Petro) and Gristmill have equipment; JO will verify with clubs that equipment is in working order; need to check if HVFC is still a USFA club.

- Division website

- Jeff revamped the Division web site plus started a new Facebook group for the Division

3. New Business

- Election of officers for 2010-2011: Jeff , Beth and John agreed to another term. Paige Rebeor declined the treasurer position.
 - o Officers are: Chair – Jeffrey Schimpf; Vice-Chair- Beth Patterson; Secretary – John O’Mara; Treasurer – Karen Gumpert
 - o Division Representatives to the USFA Congress: Bruce, Beth
 - o Bruce Gillman will still be available as an advisor, head of VFC

Officers approved: Motion: Karen, 2nd Kathy

- Division scheduling meeting to be at Beth Patterson’s on Sept.11 at 4 pm.
- Upcoming tournaments:
 - o Grapes of Wrath (Fishkill Fencers) - 17 & 18 July
 - o NY State Championships - 7 & 8 August
 - o The Eighth Circle (FF)- 15 August
 - o Stab in the Dark (FF) - 20 August
 - o Atilla Petschauer Saber Open - Vassar College – 5 September
 - o Staatsburgh Epee Open (FF)- Mills Mansion - 26 September
 - o Additional tournaments will be discussed at the September meeting

4. Good of the order

- Motion to adjourn: Kathy, 2nd Eric